

name was changed to the Halifax-Gazette. Since that time, the paper has continued to grow to meet the needs of the area.

Acquired by the Shelton Family partially in 1946 and then wholly in 1958, the paper has flourished under their leadership. O. Lynn Shelton served as editor of the paper and was succeeded in this position by his son, Keith Shelton.

In 1963, the Halifax-Gazette became the Gazette-Virginian and began publication twice weekly. In 1998, the Gazette-Virginian went on-line, offering its readers a new avenue of communication. Today, the Gazette-Virginian employs 21 dedicated, full-time employees and boasts a circulation of 11,500, making it the most subscribed to paper in Halifax County.

I congratulate the Gazette-Virginian on its success and wish it many prosperous years of outstanding news coverage to come.●

#### CELEBRATING BAILEY'S U.S. POST OFFICE'S CENTENNIAL

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the U.S. Post Office in Bailey, MS, as it celebrates its 100th year of existence. The Bailey Post Office began its service in December of the year 1902, when John A. Bailey was appointed as the first local postmaster by Henry C. Payne, the Postmaster General of the United States. The Bailey Post Office was opened in the already existing structure of the Bailey Grocery and has been serving the Bailey community ever since.

Since its inception in 1902, the Bailey Post Office has reliably served the people of the city of Bailey and the surrounding area and currently has two mail routes that cover 700 families in the Bailey community. Such longevity can be attributed to the character and work ethic that Bailey Post Office employees have exhibited over the years, but more than that, it is a tribute to the small town values present in a place such as Bailey. The fact that Leon Bailey, the grandson of the first ever Postmaster General in Bailey, still lives in Bailey speaks volumes about the tightly knit community the people of Bailey enjoy. During the recent centennial celebration, more than 300 members of the community gathered to commemorate the occasion.

Such a sense of community is rare in today's world, and as such it should be commended. That is why I felt the need to pay tribute to the current and past workers of the Bailey Post Office as well as the current and past members of the community.●

#### ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT DATED FEBRUARY 2003 WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS FOR 2003—PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message

from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee:

#### ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

##### *To the Congress of the United States:*

The economy is recovering from the effects of the slowdown that began in the middle of 2000 and led to the subsequent recession. The American economy has been hit hard by the events of the past three years, most tragically by the effects of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Our economy and investor confidence were hurt when we learned that some corporate leaders were not playing by the rules. The combined impact of these events, along with the three-year decline in stock values that impacted business investment, slowed growth in 2002. Despite these challenges, the economy's underlying fundamentals remain solid—including low inflation, low interest rates, and strong productivity gains. Yet the pace of the expansion has not been satisfactory; there are still too many Americans looking for jobs. We will not be satisfied until every part of our economy is vigorous and every person who wants a job can find one.

We are taking action to restore the robust growth that creates jobs. In January, I proposed a growth and jobs plan to add needed momentum to our economic recovery. We will accelerate the tax relief already approved by Congress and give it to Americans now, when it is most needed. Lowering tax rates and moving more Americans into the lowest tax bracket will help our economy grow and create jobs. Faster marriage tax relief and a faster increase in the child tax credit will especially help middle-class families, and should take effect now. We will take steps to encourage small business investment, helping them to expand and create jobs. We will end the unfair double taxation of corporate income received by individuals. By putting more money back in the hands of shareholders, strengthening investor confidence in the market, and encouraging more investment, we will have more growth and job creation. These steps will allow Americans to keep more of their own money to spend, save, or invest. They will boost the economy, ensure that the recovery continues, and provide long-term economic benefits through higher productivity and higher incomes.

As our economy recovers, we also have an obligation to help Americans who have lost their jobs. That is why we extended the unemployment payments for workers who lost their jobs and improved incentives for investment to create new jobs. I also proposed a bold new program of reemployment accounts to help workers searching for jobs.

Our commitment to a strong economy does not stop with these important steps. We will continue to strengthen investor confidence in the integrity of our markets. We will de-

velop better ways to train workers for new jobs. We will make the Nation's regulations and tax code less onerous and more reflective of the demands of a dynamic economy, and expand opportunities for open trade and stronger growth in all nations, especially for emerging and developing economies.

Our Nation's economic progress comes from the innovation and hard work of Americans in a free market that creates opportunities no other system can offer. Government does not create wealth, but instead creates the economic environment in which risk takers and entrepreneurs create jobs. With the right policies focused on growth and jobs, strong economic fundamentals—and hard work—I am confident we will extend economic opportunity and prosperity to every corner of America.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 2003.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1020. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued at 14,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1021. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure in Management's Discussion and Analysis about Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Aggregate Contractual Obligations (3235-AI70)" received on January, 29, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1022. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proxy Voting By Investment Advisers (3235-AI65)" received on February, 1, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1023. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Proxy Voting Records by Registered Management Investment (RIN3235-AI64)" received on January, 29, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1024. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Alabama Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference (FRL 7444-7)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1025. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (FRL 7441-5)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1026. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and/or Defer Sanctions, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (FRL 7441-7)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1027. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1996, and Reclassification of the St. Louis Ozone Nonattainment Area; States of Missouri and Illinois (FRL 7444-4)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1028. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado (FRL 7443-8)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1029. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Alabama (FRL 7444-9)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1030. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants; New Hampshire; Plan for Controlling MWC Emissions From Existing Municipal Waste Combustors (FRL 7447-7)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1031. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland: Amendments to Volatile Organic Compound Requirements from Specific Processes (FRL 7437-7)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1032. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a document entitled "Assessing and Monitoring Floatable Debris" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1033. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a document entitled "National Recommended Water Quality Criteria; 2002" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1034. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a document entitled "Office of Water Quality Trading Policy" received on January 27, 2003; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1035. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to transactions involving U.S. Exports to Pakistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1036. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone and Liberia to extend beyond January 18, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1037. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 6-month periodic report on the National Emergency with respect to Sierra Leone and Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001 and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13213 of May 22, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1038. A communication from the Military Health System, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to evaluation of the feasibility and practicability of using telecommunications to provide health care services and pharmacy services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1039. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a cost breach for both the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) thresholds for the Comanche Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1040. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exotic Newcastle Disease; Additions to Quarantined Area (Doc. No. 02-117-3)" received on January 29, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1041. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AQI User Fees: Extension of Current Fees Beyond Fiscal Year 2002 (Doc. No. 02-085-2)" received on January 29, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1042. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Regulated Area (Doc. No. 02-121-2)" received on January 29, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1043. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing (Import) Exemptions (FRL 7288-6)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1044. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "6-Benzyladenine; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance (FRL 7287-2)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1045. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiophanate Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption (FRL 7285-9)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1046. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL 7289-7)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1047. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, 2002 Report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1048. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Designation of the State of Missouri With Respect to the Inspection of Meat and Meat Food Products and Poultry and Poultry Food Products (Doc. No. 00-052F)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1049. A communication from the Acting Director of Human Resource Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy, received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1050. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accounting and Reporting of Financial Instruments, Comprehensive Income, Derivatives and Hedging Activities Final Rule" received on January 28, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1051. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual update of list of areas in which the IRS will not issue ruling (Rev. Proc. 2003-3)" received on January 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1052. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxpayer Identification Number (RIN 1545-BB88)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1053. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Definition of Foreign Personal Holding Company Income (RIN1545-BA33)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1054. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting and Backup Withholding for Payment Card Transactions (1545-BA17)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1055. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Electronics Tax Administration (1545-AY56)" received on January 31, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1056. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Visa and Passport Waiver for Certain Permanent Residents of Canada and Bermuda (1115-AG68) (INS no. 2202-02)" received on February 4, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1057. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Immigration Benefit Fees (1115-AG96) (INS no. 2257-03)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1058. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Minimum Safety and Security Standards for Private Companies that Transport Violent Prisoners (1105-AA77)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1059. A communication from the Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Increased Penalties Under The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1060. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Relating to Civil Penalties Under ERISA Section 502(c)(7) and Conforming Technical Changes On Civil Penalties Under ERISA Sections 502(c)(2), 502(c)(5), and 502(c)(6) (1210-AA91)(1210-AA93)" received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual audit and report of the Activities of the American Red Cross; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1062. A communication from the Congressional Liaison Officer, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Trade and Development Agency funding obligation regarding the Federal Air Traffic Control Authority (FATCA) Project Management Technical Assistance in Serbia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1063. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation, case number 99-09B, totaling \$82,617, occurred in fiscal year 1996 for the Family Housing, Navy appropriation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1064. A communication from the Administrator, NASA, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2002 Annual Report of the Centennial of Flight Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1065. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Adjustment of Ceiling on Allowable Charge for Certain Disclosures under the Fair Credit Reporting Act Section 612(a)" received on January 21, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1066. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the West-

ern Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; Pacific Sardine Fishery (0648-AP88)" received on January 21, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1067. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the notification of two critical military skills identified for the purpose of authorizing a retention bonus; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, without amendment:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MILLER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 331. A bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 334. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide eligibility for astronauts for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 335. A bill to expand the calling time restrictions on telemarketing telephone calls to include the period from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 336. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand reimbursement for travel expenses of covered beneficiaries for specialty care in order to cover specialized dental care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 337. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the use of arsenic-treated lumber as mulch, compost, or a soil amendment, and to prohibit the manufacture of arsenic-treated wood for use as playground equipment for children, fences, walkways, or decks or for other residential or occupational purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 338. A bill to protect the flying public's safety and security by requiring that the air traffic control system remain a Government function; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to enhance homeland security and for other purposes.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 56

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 56, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 92

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 92, a bill to accelerate and make permanent the child tax credit.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions.

S. 173

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 173, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund.

S. 173

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 173, supra.

S. 196

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 196, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.